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1. Uranium ore in the Bergen-Zobes area was extracted by Object No. 6 of the Wismut A.G. Bergen produced only low-grade micaceous ore of a quality which made dressing almost uneconomical. Ninety percent of the ore hauled in Zobes was valuable pitch ore. The ore was classed I, II and III; the latter class was rich contact ore. Bonuses paid for the first two classes were almost equal but differed considerably for the third class depending on quantity and quality of the production and the relation to dressing costs. Bergen paid 2 to 5 eastmarks, Zobes 10 to 40 eastmarks for one box of contact ore of class III. In September 1953, a brigade of six miners had earned a total of 26,000 eastmarks, including 80 percent in bonuses in Zobes. 50X1-HUM
2. Ore hauled in Bergen was preliminarily sorted at the working face by radiometric measuring. Ore of class I and II was dumped for shipment. Ore of class III was packed in boxes and shipped immediately to the Lengenfeld ore mill and dressing plant.
3. Ore dressing plants known to source included Lengenfeld which received an estimated 400 tons of contact I ore, 90 to 100 tons of contact II ore from Bergen and between 400 and 500 boxes of contact III ore from Bergen and about ten times this volume from Zobes; Tannenbergesthal which received ore from the Schneckenstein mining area; and Crossen which, [redacted] received ore 50X1-HUM

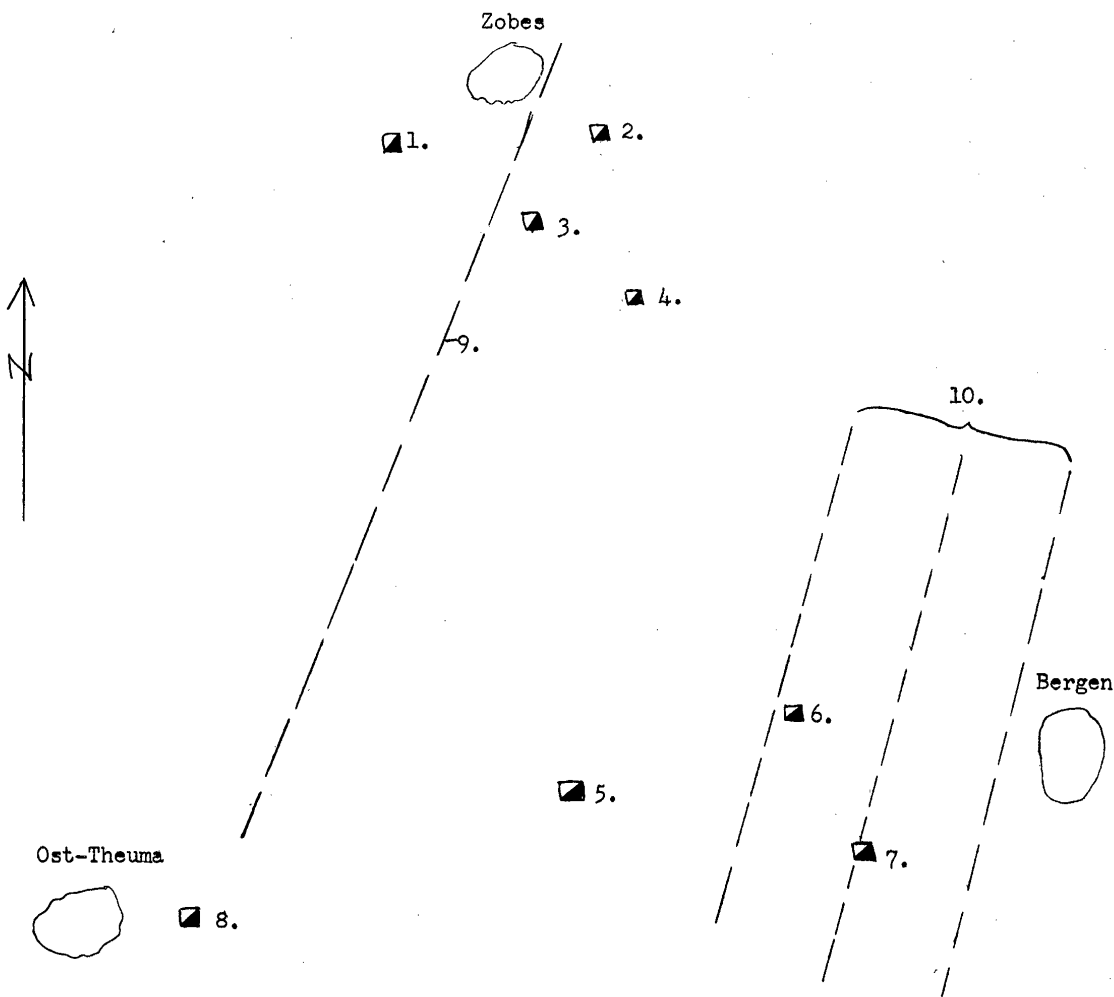
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Legend:

1. Mine 277.
2. Mine 294.
3. Central shaft No. 354, depth of gallery 350 meters; lowest level 90 meters above sea level.
4. Mine 320.
5. Mine 254; depth 250 meters.
6. Trial pit No. 1.
7. Trial pit No. 3.
8. Trial pit No. 37, depth 100 meters, lowest level 380 meters above sea level.
9. Main ore lode.
10. Main ore lodes.

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